

REMARKS

Summary

Independent Claims 1, 9, and 15 are understood to recite at least one feature not disclosed or suggested by the patent to Yokomori, et al. Therefore, the rejection of these claims over this patent should be withdrawn.

Status of the claims

Claims 1-15 and 17-23 are pending. Claims 1, 6, and 20 have been amended for reasons unrelated to patentability to improve their form. Claims 1, 9, and 15 are independent.

Requested action

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejection in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Terminology

The Examiner notes that the claims use terminology that is not used in the specification and requests that Applicants consider revising the claim terminology.

In response, Applicants submit that the claims are supported by the specification and that they are aware of no requirement mandating that the claim terminology be completely identical to the specification terminology. But, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants provide a list showing the correspondence between many of the claimed elements and corresponding elements

in the specification. Applicants note that while the claimed elements noted below correspond to the elements cited in the specification, they are not to be construed as being limited thereto.

Claim 1

one-end bearing member:	bearing member 340B
one-end side cover projection:	projection 310aa
one-end bearing member cylinder:	bearing member cylinder 340aa
one-end frame groove:	groove 300cc
developing roller:	development roller 305

Claim 2

application roller:	toner supply roller 304
shaft projection opening:	hole 340B2

Claim 3

one-end guide:	end guide 310b1
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Claim 4

retainer opening:	hole 310g
retaining portion:	development cartridge locking portion 300g

Claim 17

one end frame projection: projection 300dd

Claim 18

first metal projection: first projection 340dd

first opening: hole 340bb

Claim 19

second metal projection: second projection 340cc

second opening: second hole 310cc

Claim 20

other-end side cover projection: projection 310d1

other-end bearing member cylinder: bearing member cylinder 340a

other-end frame groove: groove 300c

In addition, attached are annotated Figures 26 and 29 which contain labels identifying some of the claimed elements corresponding to some of the elements illustrated therein.

Substantive Rejection

Claims 1-15 and 17-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102, as being anticipated by the patent to Yokomori, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,002,898).

Response to substantive rejection

This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Independent Claim 1 recites, in part, that the outer surface of a one-end bearing member cylinder is engaged with an inner surface of the one-end frame groove, while the inner surface of the one-end bearing member cylinder is engaged with a one-end side cover projection.

Independent Claim 9 recites, in part, the engaging of a one-end bearing member cylinder with a one-end frame groove and the engaging of a one-end side cover projection with an inner surface of the one-end bearing member cylinder.

Independent Claim 15 recites, in part, a mounting portion configured and positioned to detachably mount a developing cartridge which includes a one-end bearing member cylinder engaged with an inner surface of a one-end frame groove and whose inner surface is engaged with a one-end side cover projection.

In contrast, the patent to Yokomori, et al. is not understood to disclose or suggest that the outer surface of a one-end bearing member cylinder is engaged with an inner surface of a one-end frame groove, while the inner surface of the one-end bearing member cylinder is engaged with a one-end side cover projection, as recited by Claim 1. The patent to Yokomori, et al. is also not understood to disclose or suggest the engaging of a one-end bearing member cylinder with a one-end frame groove and the engaging of a one-end side cover projection with an inner surface of the one-end bearing member cylinder, as recited by Claim 9. In addition, the patent to Yokomori, et al. is not understood to disclose or suggest a mounting portion configured and

positioned to detachably mount a developing cartridge which includes a one-end bearing member cylinder engaged with an inner surface of a one-end frame groove and whose inner surface is engaged with a one-end side cover projection, as recited by Claim 15.

Moreover, the Office Action did not specify the element of the Yokomori, et al. patent corresponding to the claimed one-end bearing member cylinder. Accordingly, should the Examiner continue to reject the claims, Applicants respectfully request that she identify the element of the Yokomori, et al. patent that corresponds to the claimed one-end bearing member cylinder. Applicants further note that the cylindrical portion 63c2 is not understood to correspond to the claimed one-end bearing member cylinder because there is not understood to be any member that engages the inner surface of this portion 63c2.

Since the Yokomori, et al. patent is not understood to disclose or suggest at least one feature of independent Claims 1, 9, and 15, these claims are understood to be allowable over this patent. Therefore, the allowance of these claims is respectfully solicited.

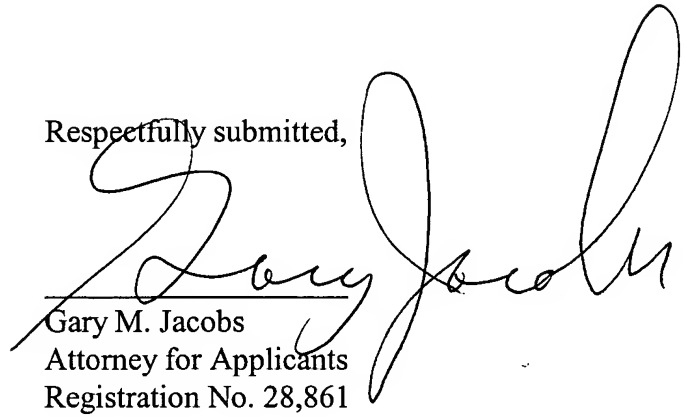
The dependent claims are allowable for the reasons given for the independent claims and because they recite features that are patentable in their own right. Individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully solicited.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the claims are now in allowable form. Therefore, early passage to issue is respectfully solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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